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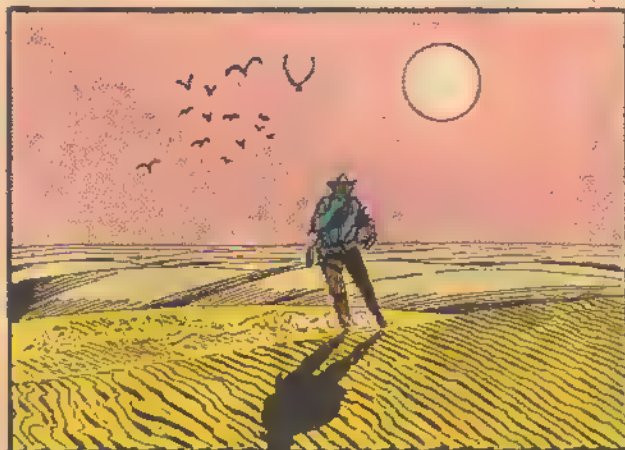
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THE DYING MAN CAME OUT OF THE SOUTH WITH A BAG OF GOLD IN HIS HAND — AND WITH HIS FLESH STAINED GREEN! WHERE HAD HE BEEN? WAS THERE ANY TRUTH — AS BOBBY BENSON SETS OUT TO PROVE SO HOPEFULLY — BEHIND THE OLD LEGENDS OF —

The Lost Treasure of **PANCHO VILLA!**



A MAN TOTTERS ACROSS THE PITILESS, BURNING SANDS OF THE DEVIL'S OVEN DESERT. HE IS DYING ON HIS FEET —



AT LAST HE FALLS, AND AS HE TURNS, THE SUN REVEALS HIS FACE AND A BAG OF YELLOW COINS THAT FLASH IN THE SUNLIGHT —

BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

HE LIES STILL
IN DEATH FOR AN
HOUR, AND THEN—

GOLLY WHILLIKERS!
CROSSING THE DEVIL'S
OVEN ON FOOT IS
CRAZY! GUESS THE
SUN AND THE HEAT
JUST EVAPORATED
HIM! WHY—HE'S
GREEN!



THIS CACTUS NEEDLE
FIRE SMOKE WILL
BRING TEX AND THE
BOYS ON THE RUN!



LATER—

TEX, WHAT
MADE HIM
GREEN? AND
WHERE'D HE
GET ALL
THAT GOLD?

I DON'T KNOW,
BOBBY. THE
ONLY MAN WHO
CAN ANSWER
THOSE
QUESTIONS
IS DEAD AND
BURIED.



NEXT MORNING, AN ADVERTISEMENT
APPEARS IN THE BIG BEND DAILY PAPERS—

I'LL
BET A
TENNER THAT'S
"SLICK" THE AD'S
TALKIN' ABOUT!
YA SEE THAT
DESCRIPTION?

YOU NUTS
OR SOMETHIN'?
"SLICK" WASN'T
GREEN!



JUST THE SAME,
WE'RE GOIN' TO VIST
THE B-BAR-B BRANCH
TONIGHT!

YEAH—
WITH
TOMMYGUNS!



THAT NIGHT, AS THE ODOR OF SAGE BLENDS WITH
THE CHIRPING OF THE CICADAS...

EASY, NOW! WE DON'T
WANT TROUBLE—IF WE
CAN HELP IT!

JUST LET ME GET
MY FINGERS ON
THEIR SAFE!



DON'T MAKE A
SOUND, KID—
AND YOU WON'T
GET HURT!

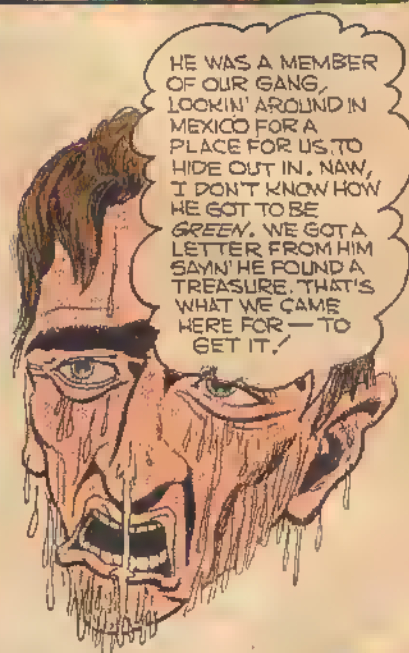
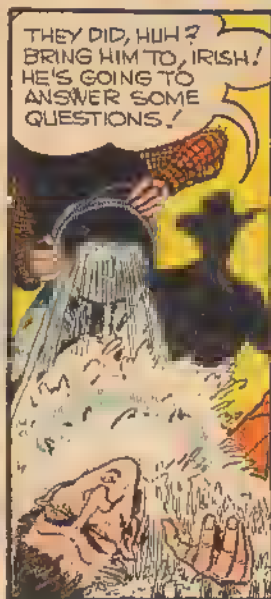
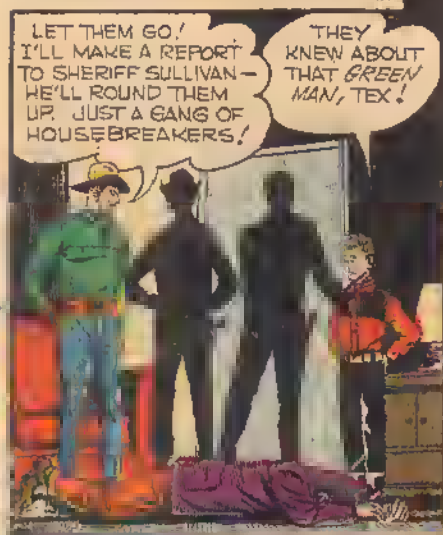




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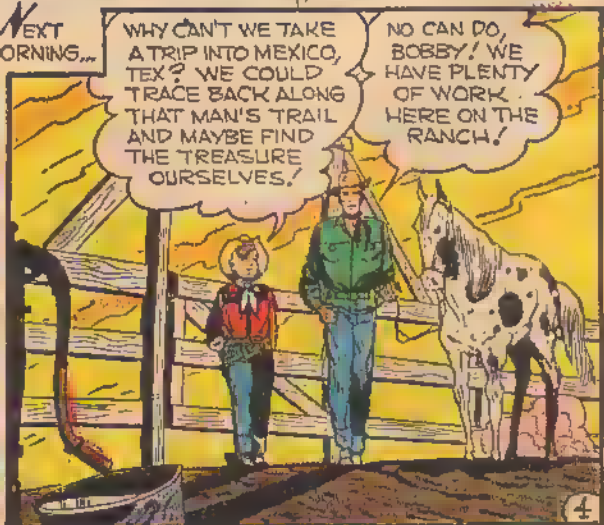
IN MORTAL FEAR, TWO OF THE GANGSTERS TAKE TO THEIR HEELS...



LATER THAT NIGHT, AS AN EXCITED BOBBY FINDS SLEEP IMPOSSIBLE...



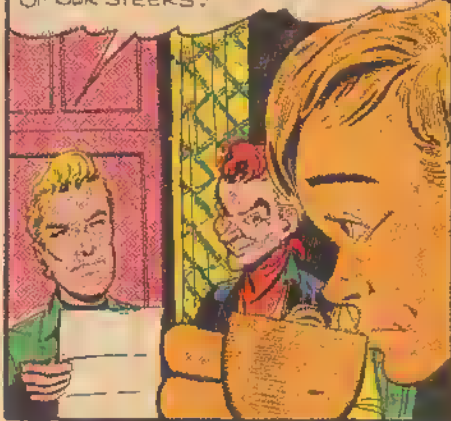
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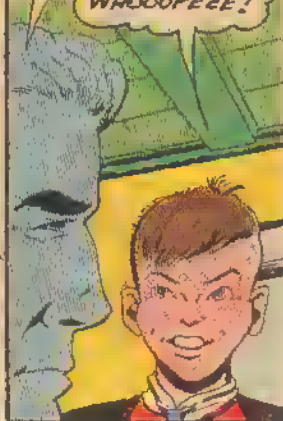
AND THEN, AT BREAKFAST TIME, SOME DAYS LATER—

MAYBE WE CAN DO A LITTLE TREASURE-HUNTING, BOBBY. HERE'S A LETTER FROM OUR OLD FRIEND, SEÑOR PANCITO DE SEVILLA. HE WANTS TO BUY SOME OF OUR STEERS.



WE'LL MAKE UP A HERD AND TRAVEL CLOSE TO WHERE THAT LOST TREASURE IS SUPPOSED TO BE. NOW, COME ON—LET'S GET READY!

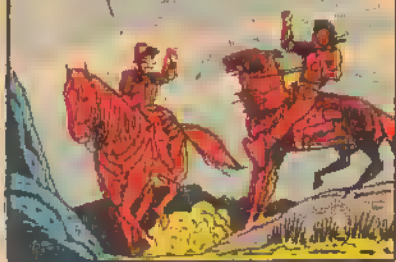
WHOOPEEE!



SOME DAYS LATER, ALONG THE TRAIL IN CHIHUAHUA —

I'LL CUT OFF HERE, TEK AND CAMP OUT FOR A COUPLE OF NIGHTS.

YOU KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF IN THE OPEN, BOBBY — BUT BE CAREFUL! AND IF YOU FIND THAT TREASURE — DON'T SPEND IT ALL UNTIL WE GET BACK!



BOBBY IS TRAINED IN THE ART OF CAMP LIFE. HE GATHERS SAPLINGS FOR HIS TENT POLES AND FIRE-COOKING-POTS —

PANCITO VILLA ROBBED AMERICANS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER BACK AROUND 1918. HE IS SAID TO HAVE HIDDEN ALL THAT LOOT — AMOUNTING TO SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS! — MORE THAN 500 YARDS EAST OF THE CANTINA THAT LIES BETWEEN TEMOSACHIC AND DOLORES!

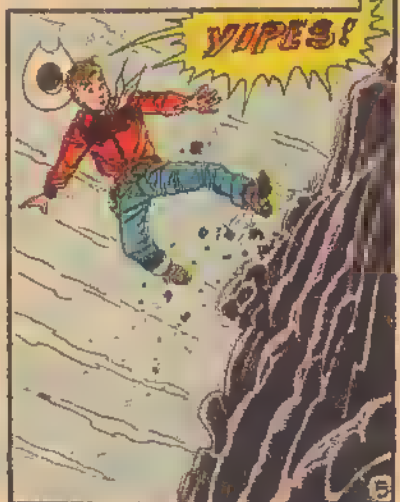


THAT PUTS IT RIGHT IN ABOUT HERE! BUT I MUST BE WRONG. THIS IS JUST ROCK. NOBODY COULD HIDE ANYTHING HERE.



AS BOBBY MOVES UPWARD, HIS FOOT SLIPS! HIS HANDS MISS THEIR HOLD AND —

YIPES!



BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

HE HITS A ROLLING SLOPE OF STONE AND GOES TUMBLING DOWN —

YEEHAW!

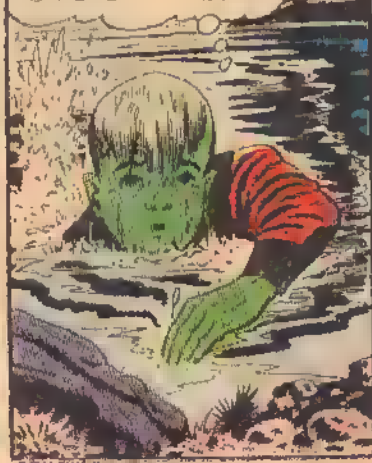


— TO LAND IN A CLEAR POOL OF WATER... AND SINK DOWN AND DOWN...

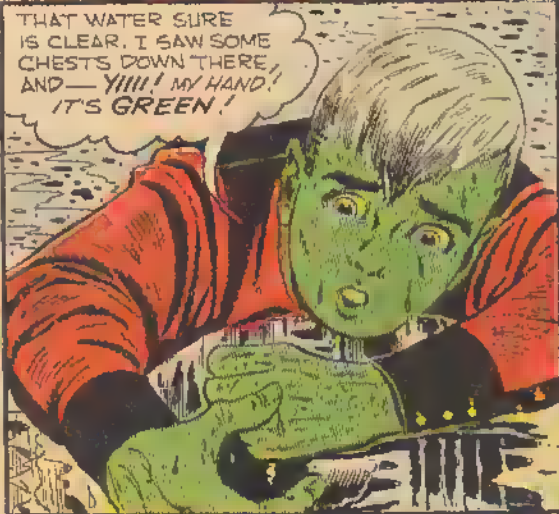


HE RISES TO THE SURFACE —

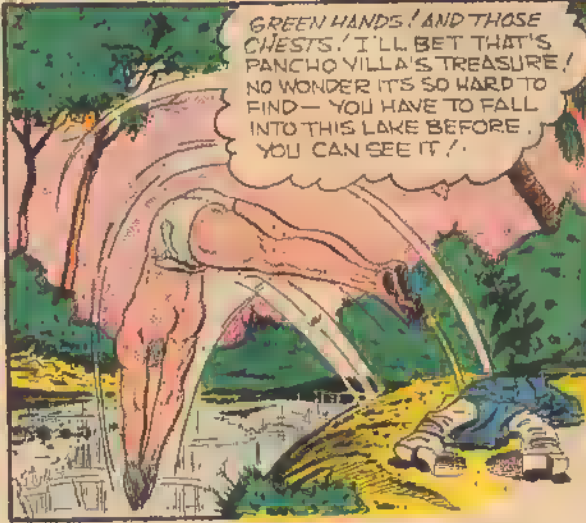
LUCKY THIS POOL WAS HERE / IF IT HADN'T BEEN, I'D HAVE BROKEN A HAND OR A LEG — OR EVEN MY NECK!



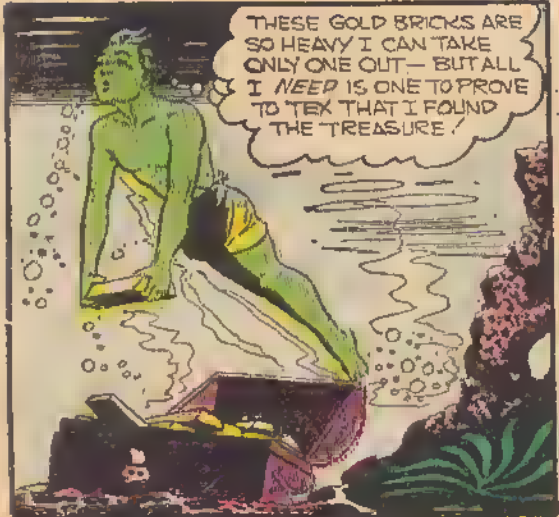
THAT WATER SURE IS CLEAR. I SAW SOME CHESTS DOWN THERE, AND — YIIII! MY HAND! IT'S GREEN!



GREEN HANDS! AND THOSE CHESTS. I'LL BET THAT'S PANCHE VILLA'S TREASURE! NO WONDER IT'S SO HARD TO FIND — YOU HAVE TO FALL INTO THIS LAKE BEFORE YOU CAN SEE IT!



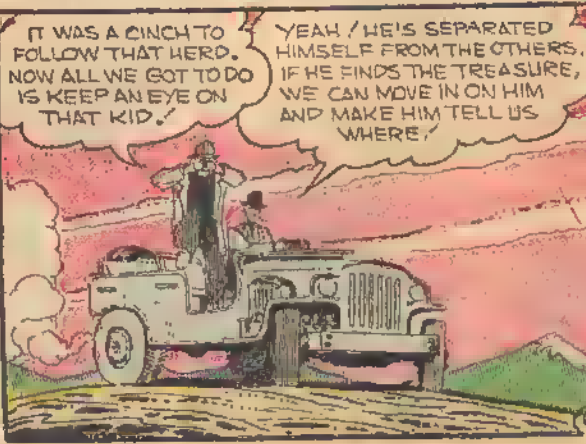
THESE GOLD BRICKS ARE SO HEAVY I CAN TAKE ONLY ONE OUT — BUT ALL I NEED IS ONE TO PROVE TO TEX THAT I FOUND THE TREASURE!



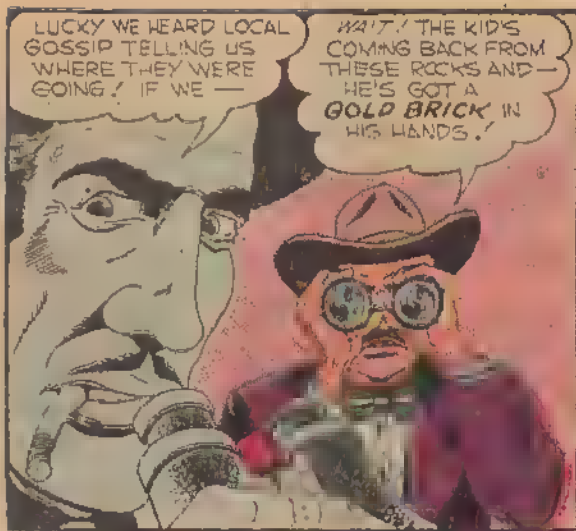
UNKNOWN TO TEX OR BOBBY, TRAILING THEM ACROSS THE FLATS OF CHIHUAHUA ARE TWO OF THE GANGSTERS WHO BROKE INTO THE B-BAR-B RANCH...

IT WAS A CINCH TO FOLLOW THAT HERD. NOW ALL WE GOT TO DO IS KEEP AN EYE ON THAT KID.

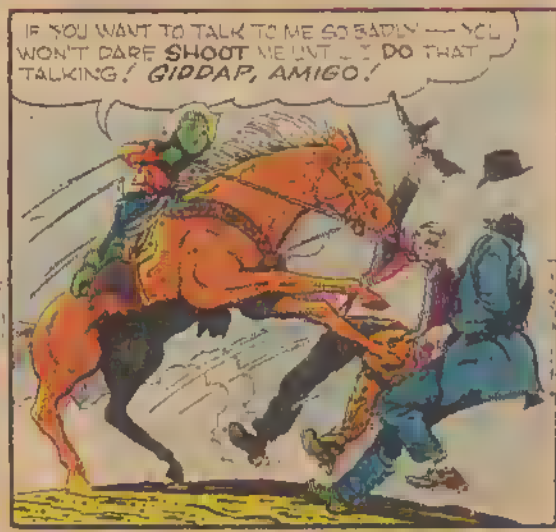
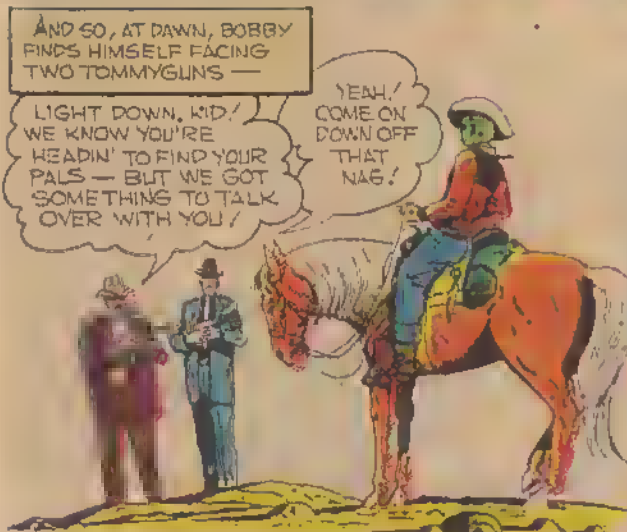
YEAH! HE'S SEPARATED HIMSELF FROM THE OTHERS. IF HE FINDS THE TREASURE, WE CAN MOVE IN ON HIM AND MAKE HIM TELL US WHERE.



BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS



FOR HOURS, THE GANGSTERS HUNT AMONG THE ROCKS.



DRAWING A BRANCH BEHIND HIM INDIAN FASHION TO HIDE HIS FOOTPRINTS, BOBBY RUNS INTO THE SANDY CANYONS.



BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

BUT THE GANGSTERS — WITH THE VISION OF SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD BRICKS BEFORE THEIR EYES — KEEP MOVING SLOWLY AFTER THEIR QUARRY.

ALL DAY LONG THE HUNT CONTINUES. BOBBY DINES ON BERRIES —

IT'LL GET COLD TONIGHT. I CAN'T LIGHT A FIRE — BUT I CAN DIG A HOLE ...

HE'S IN HERE SOMEWHERE! HE CAN'T GET AWAY!

WE'LL FLUSH HIM OUT. SOON'S IT GETS DARK AND HE LIGHTS A FIRE!

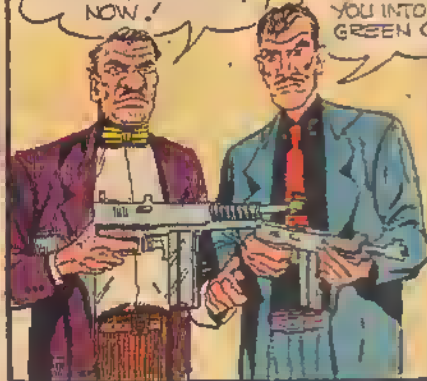


SNUG IN A SMALL "FOXHOLE" BOBBY SLEEPS LIGHTLY ...

BUT WITH THE FIRST FAINT RAYS OF MORNING —

YOU SURE LED US A PRETTY CHASE, KID — BUT WE GOT YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS, NOW!

START TALKIN'! WHERE'S THAT TREASURE? WHAT TURNED YOU INTO THAT GREEN COLOR?



AND THEN, FROM A ROCKY LEDGE ABOVE —

DROP THOSE GUNS, YOU LOWDOWN POLECATS! MY FINGERS ARE JUST ITCHING TO YANK THESE TRIGGERS!

MOMENTS LATER —

WE FINISHED OUR HERD DELIVERY IN SHORT ORDER. WE RODE BACK — FOUND AMIGO WANDERING AROUND — AND CAME RUNNING!

I FOUND THE TREASURE, TEX! I FOUND IT! BUT WHAT MADE ME TURN GREEN?

PROBABLY SOME SORT OF CHLOROPHYLL DYE IN THAT LAKE! WE'LL ANALYZE IT WHEN WE GO BACK FOR THE TREASURE. AND INCIDENTALLY, BOBBY — WE'RE GOING TO DONATE THAT TREASURE TO CHARITY! IT WILL BUILD A WONDERFUL HOSPITAL IN THE BIG BEND COUNTRY!



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COMING!
SOON!

WALKER'S
CIRCUS



WALKER'S
CIRCUS

EVERYBODY LOVES A CIRCUS, PEOPLE SAY. BUT IN THE TOWN OF CANYON GULCH, **BOBBY BENSON** FOUND ONE GRIM EXCEPTION—AND WHAT FOLLOWED WAS A DEVIL'S BREW OF INTRIGUE HIGH EXPLOSIVES, AND MURDER WHEN THE COWBOY KID CAME TO GRIPS WITH—

The man who hated the **CIRCUS**



YUH CAN'T MAKE ME SAY DIFF' RUNT, LAYTON—CIRCUSES ARE NO GOOD!

ANY MAN *gasps* WHO'D DEPRIVE OUR CHILDREN OF A CIRCUS *gasps* ISN'T FIT TO LIVE...!

WHAP!

EASY, GENTS—EASY! CLOUDS IN THUH JAW NEVER SETTLED ANYTHING!

YOU'RE RIGHT—I LOST MY TEMPER... I'M SORRY, MORROW.

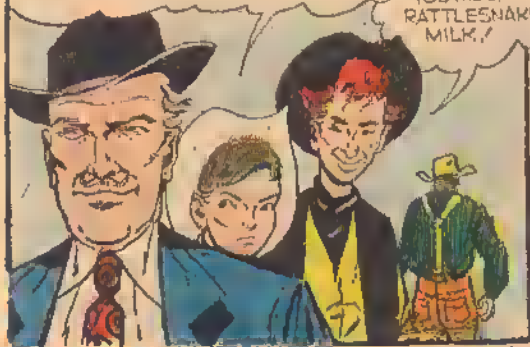
MARK MY WORD—THUH TOWN'LL BE CRAWLIN' WITH SIDEWINDERS WHEN THET DURNED CIRCUS COMES!



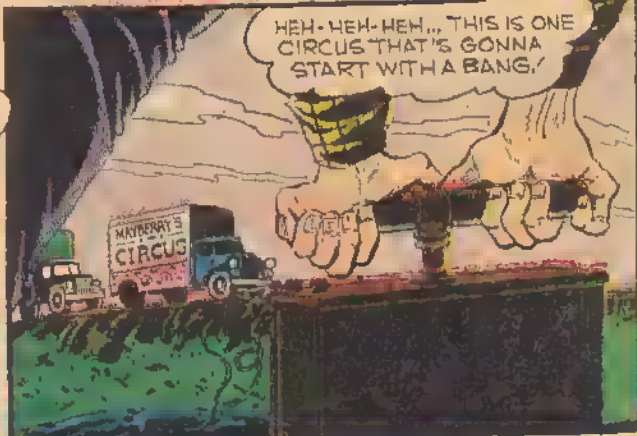
BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

SOMETHING'S QUEER ABOUT THIS, WINDY—THE RICHEST MAN IN THE TERRITORY AND AN OLD DESERT RAT FIGHTING THAT WAY ON MAIN STREET. I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON WHY... BUT IT JUST DOESN'T SMELL RIGHT...

RELAX, LITTLE BOSS—CHANCES ARE THEY BOTH HAD A DROP TOO MUCH RATTLESNAKE MILK!



MEANWHILE, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, MAYBERRY'S MAMMOUTH CIRCUS SPEEDS TOWARD CANYON GULCH—



HEH-HEH-HEH... THIS IS ONE CIRCUS THAT'S GONNA START WITH A BANG!

THEN—



THAT NIGHT, BACK NEAR CANYON GULCH—

YOU FOOL! HE WASN'T IN THAT FIRST TRUCK, WE HAVE JUST ONE MORE CHANCE BEFORE THE CIRCUS HITS TOWN—MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MESS UP TOMORROW!

OWH!

SURE, BOSS, SURE—

HE'S AS GOOD AS DEAD ALREADY!



TOMORROW COMES—

THOSE SPIKES ON THE ROAD STOPPED THEM, ALL RIGHT. NOW ALL I GOTTA DO IS LINE UP MY SIGHTS AN' SQUEEZE THUH TRIGGER!

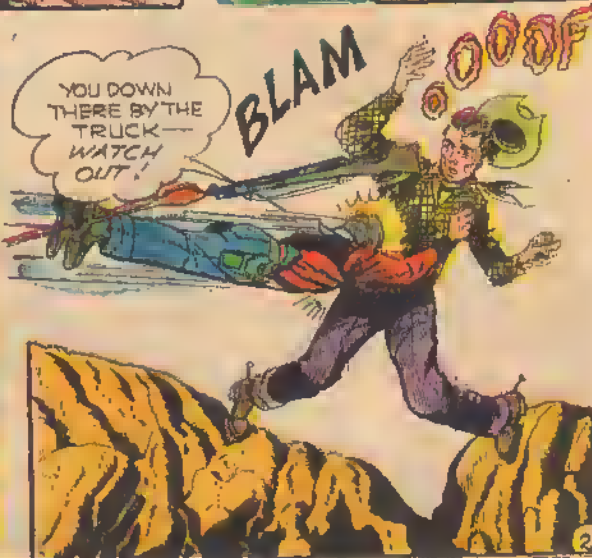


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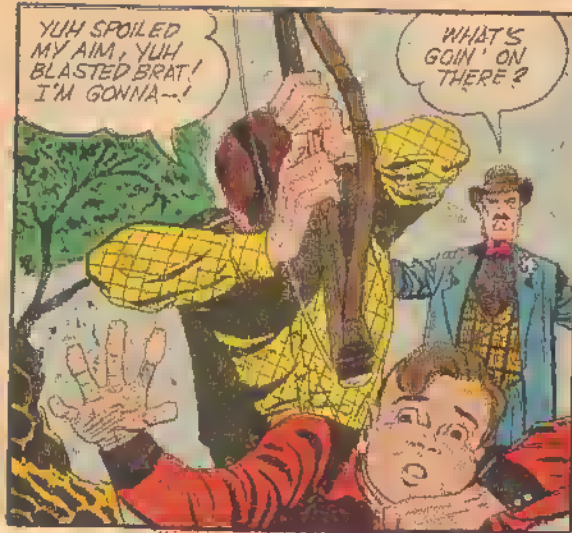
THAR HE IS—NOW SLOW, SLOW...

A DRY GULCHER! HE'S GOING TO SHOOT!

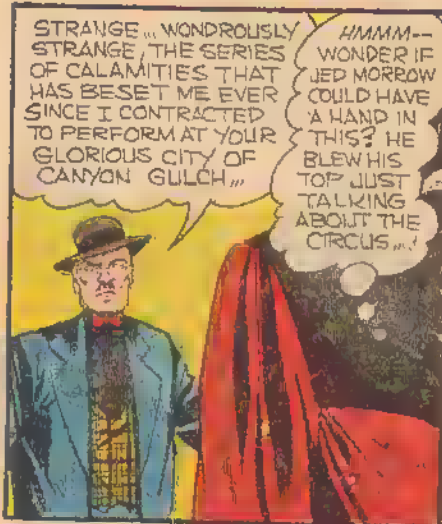
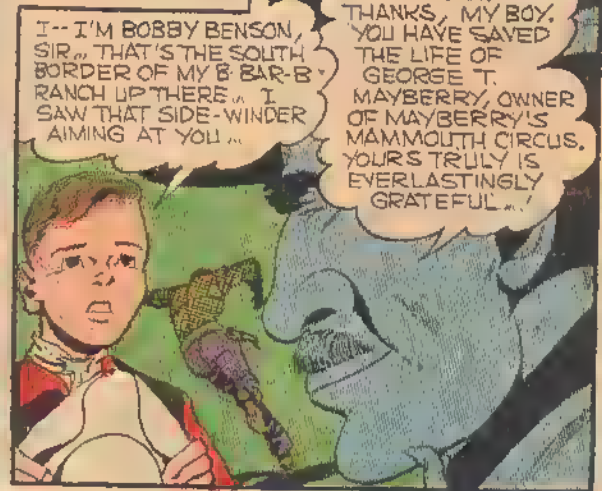


YOU DOWN THERE BY THE TRUCK—WATCH OUT!

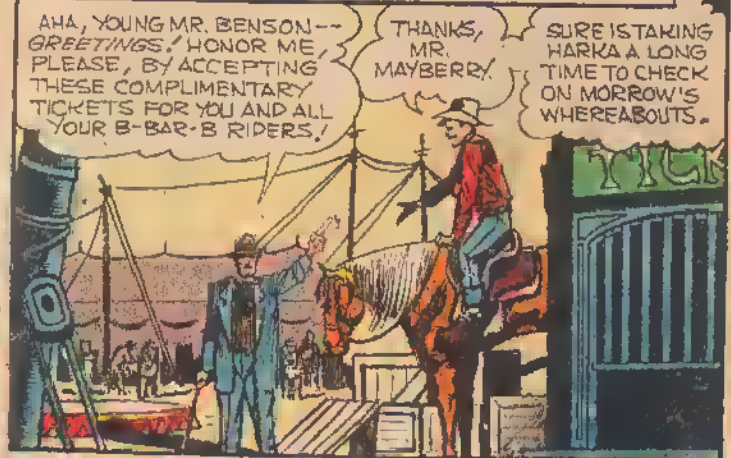
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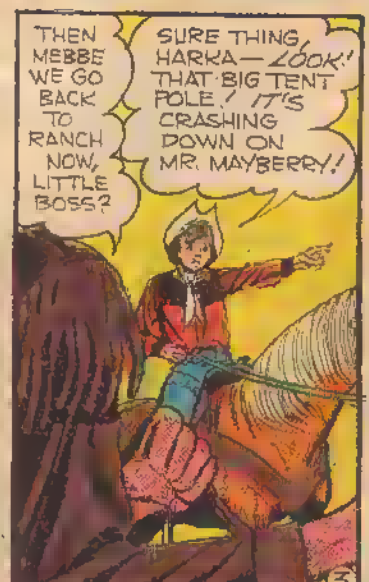
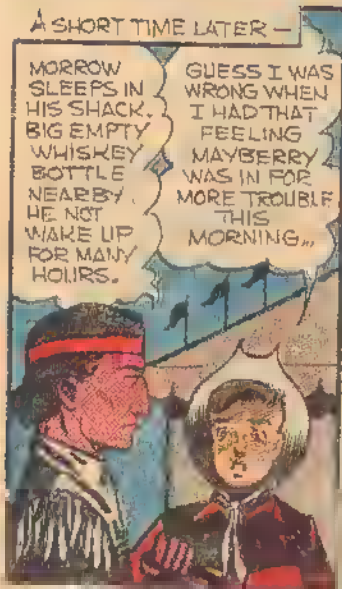
A MOMENT LATER--



THE NEXT MORNING... THE CIRCUS HAS ARRIVED IN CANYON GULCH, AND THE ROUSTABOUTS ARE BUSY SETTING UP--



BUT AT THAT MOMENT--

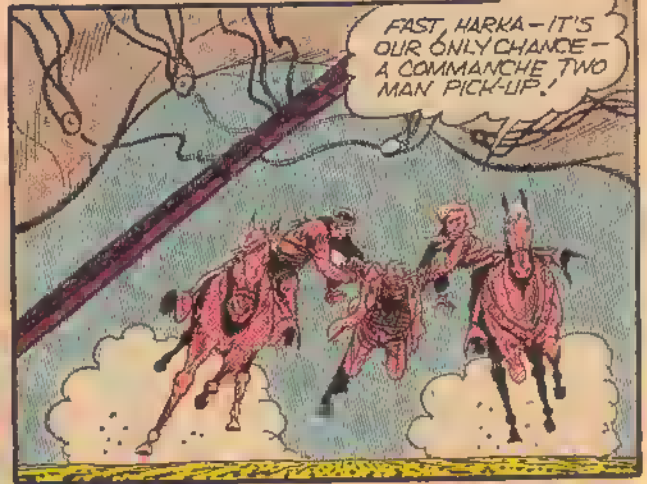


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ROOTED BY FEAR, THE CIRCUS OWNER CRINGES HELPLESSLY IN THE PATH OF DEATH —



BUT AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT —



"RECEIVED A NOTE THIS MORNING — TELLING ME TO BE IN FRONT OF THE BIG TENT AT 11 O'CLOCK — I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHO WANTS TO KILL ME, AND WHY?"

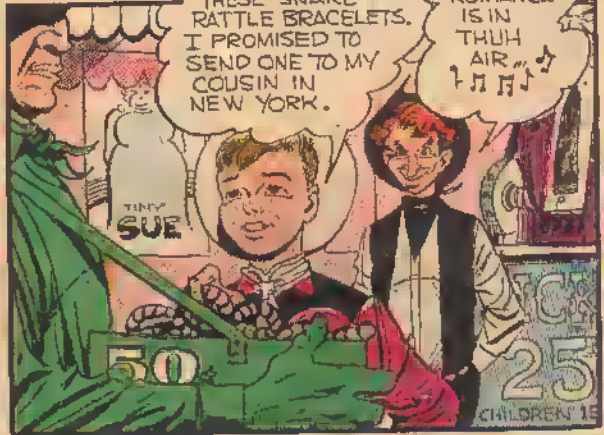
THAT'S WHAT WE AIM TO FIND OUT, MR. MAYBERRY. I'LL SEE THE SHERIFF ABOUT POSTING A GUARD ON YOU.



THAT NIGHT — THE CIRCUS OPENS.

I'M STOPPING A MINUTE TO BUY ONE OF THESE SNAKE-RATTLE BRACELETS. I PROMISED TO SEND ONE TO MY COUSIN IN NEW YORK.

ROMANCE, ROMANCE IS IN THE AIR.

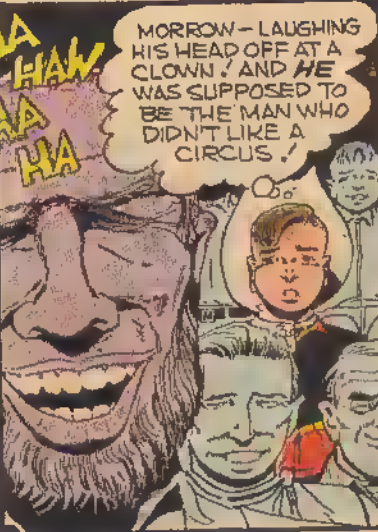


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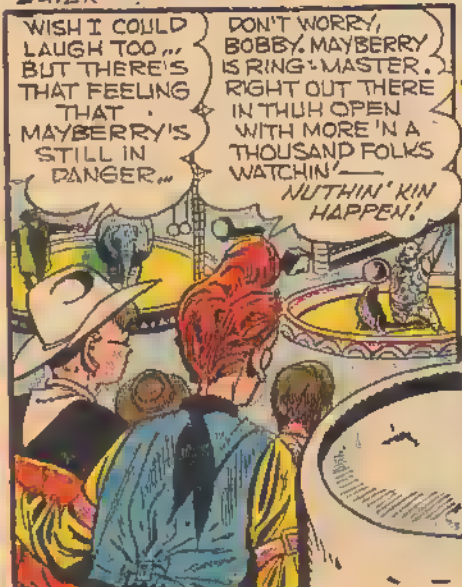
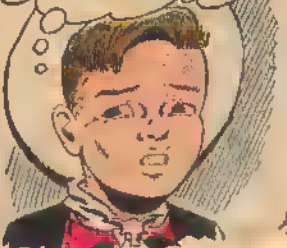
WISH I COULD LAUGH TOO... BUT THERE'S THAT FEELING THAT MAYBERRY'S STILL IN DANGER...

DON'T WORRY, BOBBY. MAYBERRY IS RING-MASTER. RIGHT OUT THERE IN THE OPEN WITH MORE 'N A THOUSAND FOLKS WATCHIN' — NUTHIN' 'KIN HAPPEN!

SUDDENLY BOBBY'S EYES ARE STARTLED TO SEE —



I GET IT NOW! THAT FIGHT HE HAD WITH LAYTON COULD HAVE BEEN A FAKE! SURE! LAYTON COULD HAVE PAID MORROW TO HELP HIM WITH THE ACT SO HE COULD THROW SUSPICION OFF HIMSELF FOR WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN... BUT THEN AGAIN — LAYTON'S THE RICHEST MAN IN THE TERRITORY. WHAT WOULD HE STAND TO GAIN...!



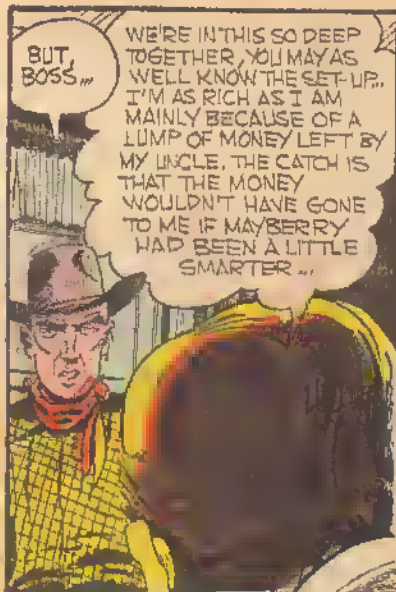
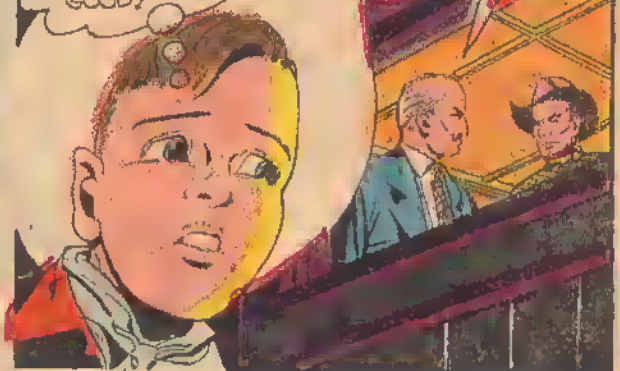
BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

AFTER TELLING HIS RANCHERS HE'LL BE RIGHT BACK—



THOUGHT HE'D BE AT THE CIRCUS AND I'D BE ABLE TO LOOK AROUND— BUT LISTENING MIGHT EVEN DO MORE GOOD!

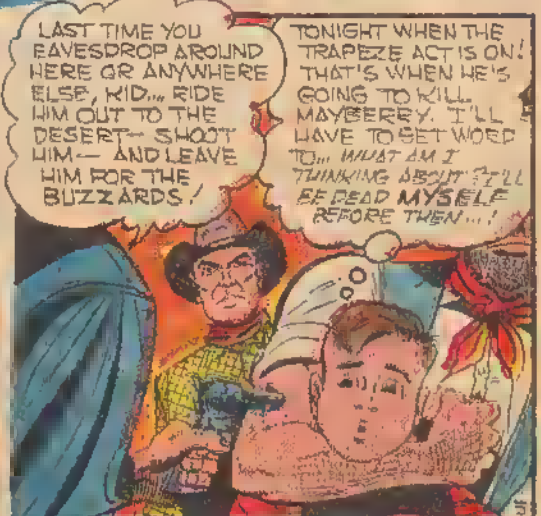
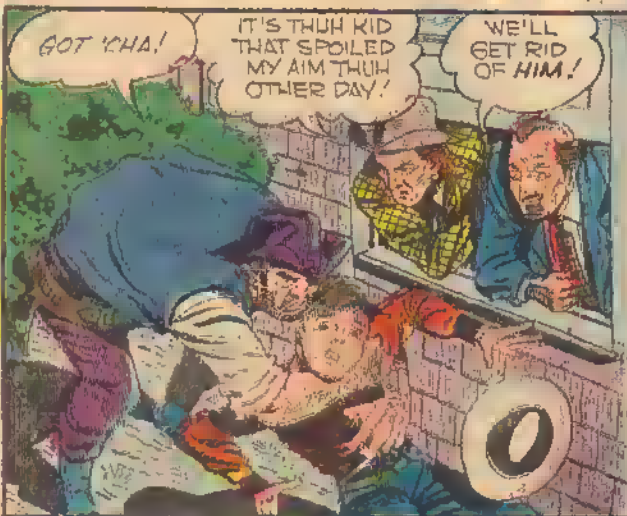
YOU'VE BUNGLED SO OFTEN, I'M HANDLING IT MYSELF THIS TIME— TONIGHT AT THE CIRCUS, WHILE THE TRAPEZE ACT IS ON...



MAYBERRY'S MY COUSIN— HE WAS FIRST IN LINE FOR THE LEGACY. I HAD A CROOKED LAWYER FIX IT SO THAT MAYBERRY GOT A SMALL SUM, AND THOUGHT THAT WAS ALL THAT WAS COMING TO HIM... THE LAWYER TOLD MAYBERRY I WAS DEAD— SOME WOULDN'T BE SUSPICIOUS... NOW YOU SEE WHY I HAD TO ACT SO FAST WHEN I HEARD MAYBERRY WAS BRINGING HIS CIRCUS HERE? ALL HE HAS TO DO IS SEE ME... OR EVEN HEAR OF ME... AND I'M RUINED.



SO THAT'S IT! I'LL GET BACK NOW— TIP OFF THE SHERIFF...



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BE CAREFUL NOW — THAT BOY'S AS SLIPPERY AS AN EEL!

I STILL DON'T SEE WHY HAL RIDES THAT SNAKE-SHY HOSS OF HIS...



MUST'VE GONE OVER FIVE MILES NOW... HE KEEPS TOO CLOSE TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT... LOOKS LIKE THE END FOR BOBBY BENSON...

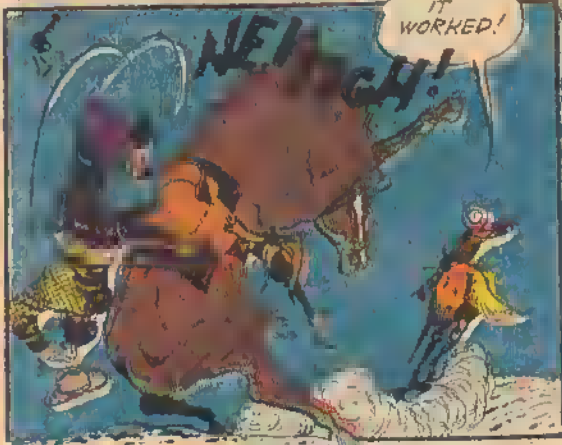


WAIT! WHAT WAS THE LAST THING THE SIDEWINDER IN THE CHECKERED SHIRT SAID JUST AS WE RODE OFF — SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HORSE BEING SNAKE SHY... THE SNAKE-RATTLE BRACELET FOR MY COUSIN — IT'S ON MY WRIST!



BOBBY SHAKES HIS WRIST VIGOROUSLY, AND THE OMINOUS CLICKING SENDS HIS CAPTOR'S HORSE INTO A WILD FRENZY —

IT WORKED!



JUST AS WELL... I HAVE TO MAKE TRACKS TO THE CIRCUS PRONTO! IF I DON'T GET THERE IN TIME FOR THE TRAPEZE ACT, MAYBERRY WILL BE KILLED!



LATER—

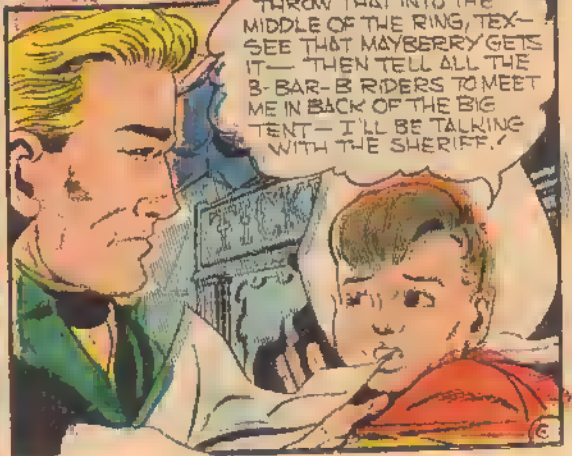
THE TRAPEZE ACT — HAS IT STARTED YET?

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, BOBBY? TRAPEZE ACT? YES — IT'S JUST STARTED...



BOBBY SCRIBBLES A NOTE WITH DESPERATE SPEED, THEN —

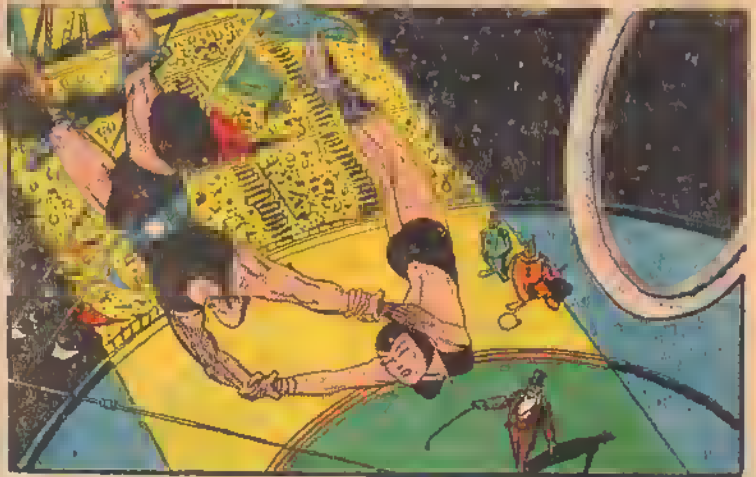
THROW THAT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE RING, TEX — SEE THAT MAYBERRY GETS IT — THEN TELL ALL THE B-BAR-B RIDERS TO MEET ME IN BACK OF THE BIG TENT — I'LL BE TALKING WITH THE SHERIFF.



A FEW MINUTES LATER—

LAYTON'S HERE SOMEWHERE IN THE DARK. HE HAS A GUN WITH A SILENCER TRAINED ON MAYBERRY OUT IN THE RING. WE HAVE TO SPOT HIM BEFORE HE SHOOTS—BUT QUIETLY, OR WE'LL START A PANIC...

LET'S FAN OUT, BOYS...

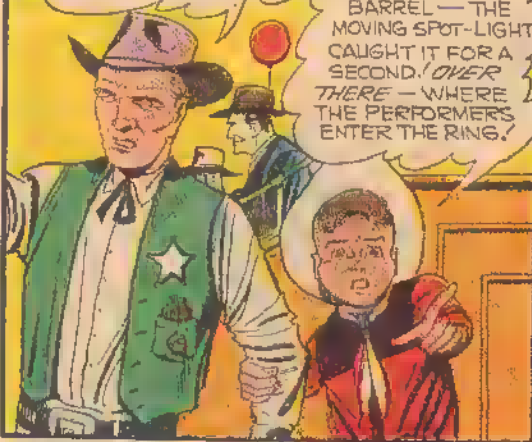


SAVE FOR SPOTLIGHTS, THE BIG TENT IS SHROUDED IN DARKNESS. WITH BATED BREATH, THE CROWD WATCHES THE WHIRLING ACROBATS, UNAWARE THAT SOMEWHERE IN THEIR MIDST, SITS — DEATH!

THEN—

WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE—SURE YOU GOT THE RIGHT DOPE, BOBBY?

SHERIFF, I—WAIT! THAT SPARK OF LIGHT! IT WAS A GUN BARREL—THE MOVING SPOT-LIGHT CAUGHT IT FOR A SECOND! OVER THERE—WHERE THE PERFORMERS ENTER THE RING!

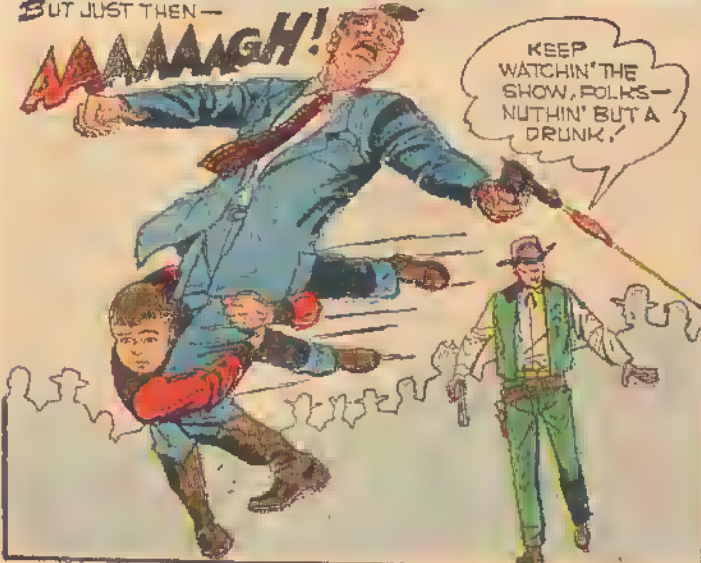


IF HE'D ONLY STAND STILL FOR A MINUTE! AAAH—AT LAST, HE'S IN MY SIGHTS...! BLAST IT, HE MOVED AGAIN!

BUT JUST THEN—

AAAAAAGH!

KEEP WATCHIN' THE SHOW, FOLKS—NUTHIN' BUT A DRUNK!



LATER—IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AFTER ALL THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE HAVE BEEN PUT TOGETHER—



I HAD HIM PLUMB IN MY SIGHTS, BUT HE KEPT MOVING AROUND SO IN THE RING...

TO SAY YOU ARE MY LUCKY CHARM IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT, YOUNG MAN... IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT NOTE OF YOURS THAT I KEPT MOVING AROUND IN THE RING...

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RED HAWK



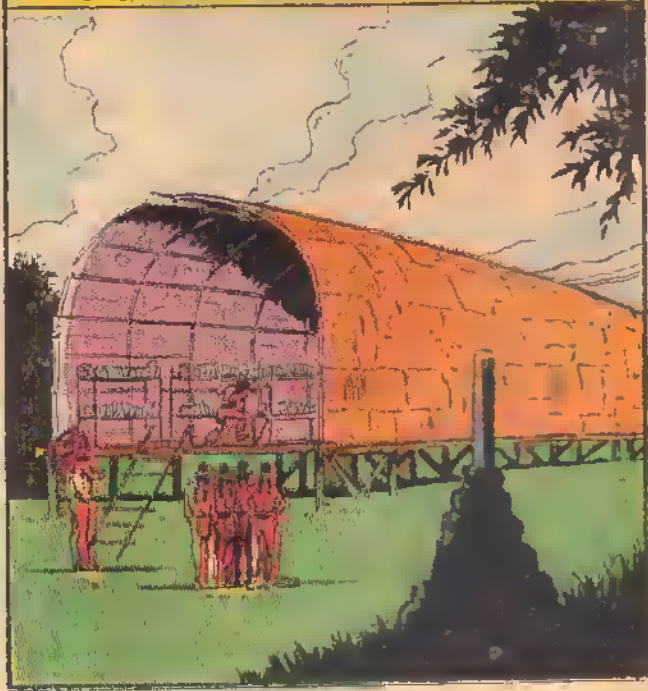
WHEN THE SKELETONS OF THE LONG-DEAD ROSE FROM THE FABLED "HOUSE OF DEATH" AND WALKED AMONG THE LIVING—WHEN THE GRAVE REACHED OUT BONY FINGERS FROM THE ISLAND OF THE ENTOMBED—THEN **RED HAWK** FOUND HIMSELF FACING THE STRANGE GRIM THREAT OF—

"The Ghost Killers!"

FOR UNTOLD GENERATIONS THE WANDERING TRIBE OF THE PLAINS INDIANS HAVE BURIED THEIR DEAD ON AN ISLAND SET IN A PRAIRIE LAKE



HERE IN A GREAT BARK BUILDING, NEARLY THREE HUNDRED YARDS LONG, THE DEAD ARE INTERRED ON POLE-HELD BIERES...



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AS THE TRIBE, OF WHICH RED HAWK IS A YOUNG WAR CHIEF SETS UP ITS TEPEE POLES BY THE SIDE OF THE LAKE OF THE DEAD, KA-NEE-MA, THE MEDICINE MAN, CRIES OUT WITH SHOCK AND FEAR!

HAI!!—
LOOK YONDER!
ON THE LAKE—
DEAD SPIRITS!



AIE! DEAD SPIRITS IN A CANOE— IN A CANOE THAT MOVES, THOUGH NO MAN PADDLES IT...!



MEN AND WOMEN SHRINK BACK IN MORTAL FEAR, FOR THESE ARE NOT MEN, BUT THE SPIRITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE CROSSED OVER INTO THE WAKAN TANKA'S HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS....!



WHAT WANT
YOU WITH ME...?



SILENTLY THE SKELETON FIGURES MOVE TOWARD THE WATER, DRAGGING THE FRENZIED TALL DOG WITH THEM...

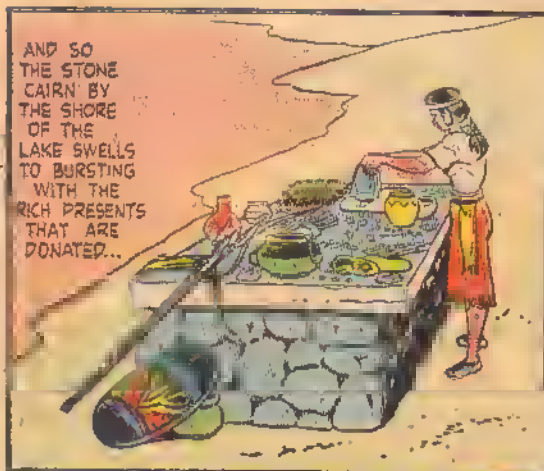
I DON'T WANT
TO... DIE! DON'T
TAKE ME... DON'T
... DON'T...



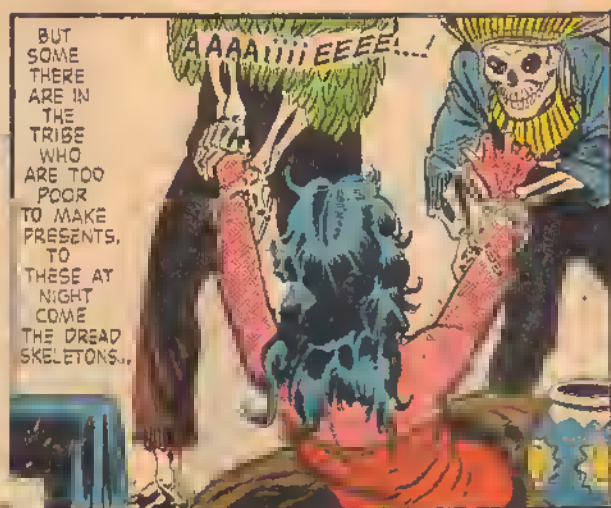
THAT NIGHT, THE MEDICINE FIGURE OF KA-NEE-MA BURN WITH MANY-COLORED FLAMES. HIS VOICE CHANTS OUT IN THE CRIMSONED NIGHT—

IT IS WHISPERED TO ME BY WAKINA, SISTER OF THE WAKAN TANKA, THAT HE IS DISPLEASED! HE DEMANDS PROOF OF OUR LOYALTY! GIFTS! RICH GIFTS! OTHERWISE... DEATH....!





AND SO
THE STONE
CAIRN BY
THE SHORE
OF THE
LAKE SWELLS
TO BURSTING
WITH THE
RICH PRESENTS
THAT ARE
DONATED...



BUT
SOME
THERE
ARE IN
THE
TRIBE
WHO
ARE TOO
POOR
TO MAKE
PRESENTS.
TO
THESE AT
NIGHT
COME
THE DREAD
SKELETONS..

AAAAHHH EEEE!!!

THE SCREAM OF SOFT DOE RIPS THE NIGHT, AND BRINGS
YOUNG RED HAWK TO THE FLAP OF HIS TEPEE...



THEY TAKE
SOFT DOE, WHO IS
SWEET AND GOOD,
WHO NEVER SAYS
UNKIND THINGS, OR
HURTS ANYONE!



I CANNOT BELIEVE
THE GOOD WAKAN TANKA
WOULD WANT THE LIFE
OF LITTLE SOFT DOE!
FOR THE GREAT SPIRIT
IS GOOD AND JUST..



HAI! A
MOCCASIN, PULLED
OFF A FOOT BY THE
SUCTION OF THE SOFT
MUD! BUT SUCH
QUEER MARKINGS
ON IT! ALL BLACK-
WITH THE PICTURE
OF BONES!



AND BEYOND THE MOCCASIN-
THE PRINT OF A BARE FOOT!
AN INDIAN'S FOOT! HAI! I
BEGIN TO SEE THE LIGHT IN THIS
DARK MUDDLE. THOSE SKELETONS
ARE AS MUCH FLESH AND BLOOD
AS I AM! THEY PAINT THEIR
BODIES AND CLOTHES TO LOOK
LIKE DEAD SPIRITS....



IN THAT CASE,
I THINK I SHALL SEE
HOW THEY MOVE THAT
CANOE WITHOUT
PADDLES...

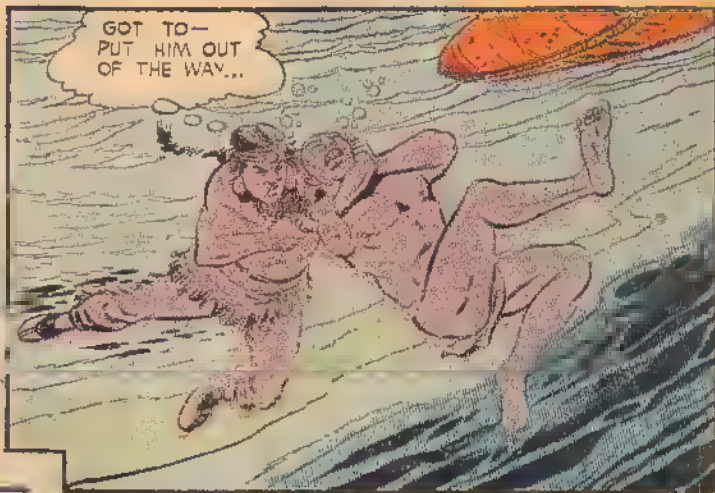
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MOMENTS LATER, DEEP IN THE COLD WATERS OF THE LAKE...

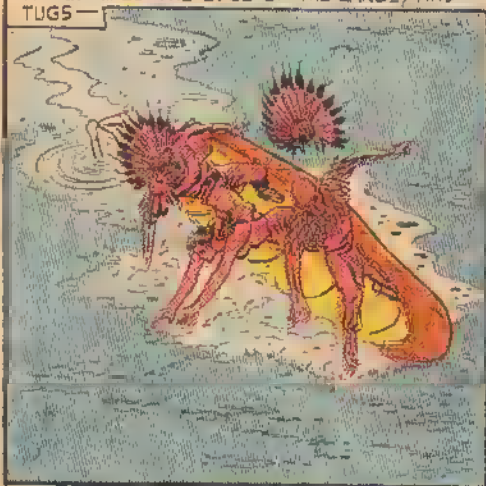
A HIDDEN SWIMMER PUSHING THE CANOE! I THOUGHT SO! A TRICK!



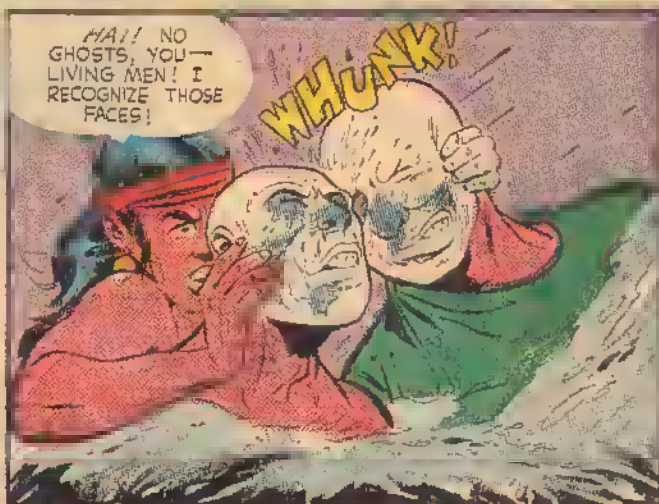
GOT TO— PUT HIM OUT OF THE WAY...



A DRIPPING HAND RISES FROM THE WATERS. IT CLUTCHES THE EDGE OF THE CANOE, AND TUGS—



HA! NO GHOSTS, YOU— LIVING MEN! I RECOGNIZE THOSE FACES!



COME, SOFT DOE! WHILE THEY FLOUNDER AROUND, WE'LL GET AWAY!



NO WONDER THEY WERE SILENT ALL THE TIME, IF THEY HAD SPOKEN, WE'D HAVE RECOGNIZED THEIR VOICES! BUT COME—I MUST HIDE YOU...



AS RED HAWK RACES INTO THE HILLS PAINT-SPATTERED MEN RISE FROM THE LAKE WATERS.

WE MUST FIND RED HAWK!

AI—AND SLAY HIM...



BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

WITH SOFT DOE SAFELY HIDDEN, RED HAWK
MOVES TOWARD THE CHEYENNE CAMP...



YOUR TIME
HAS COME,
RED HAWK!

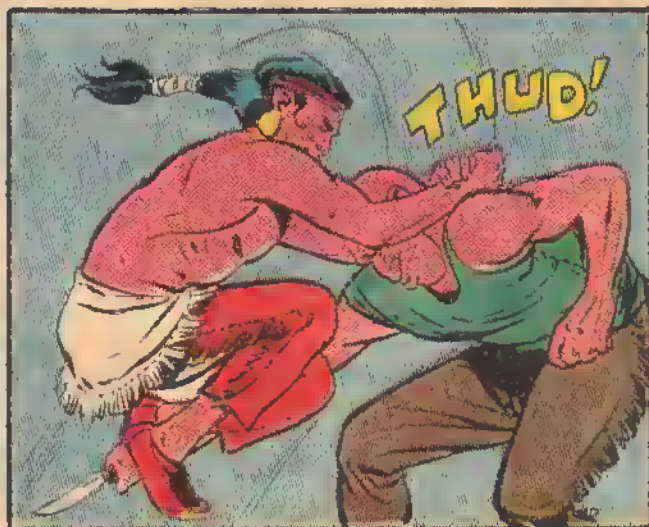
AI—
NOW YOU
DIE!



BIG TALKERS—
POOR FIGHTERS!



THUD!



MISSED!
HAI—BUT I
SHALL NOT
MISS!

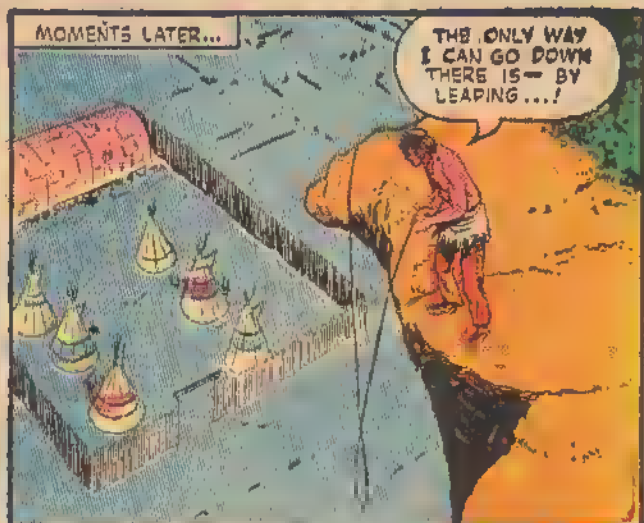
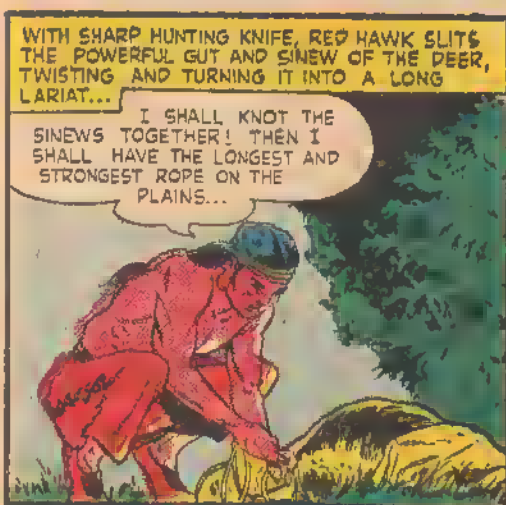
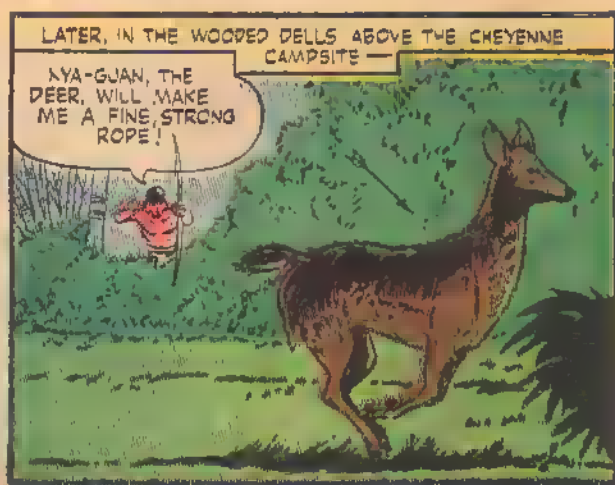
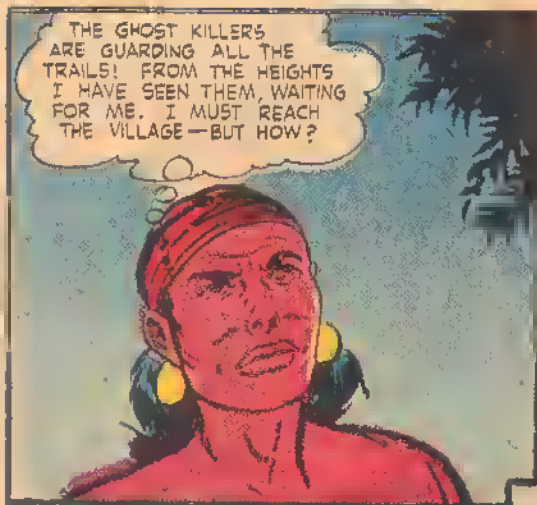
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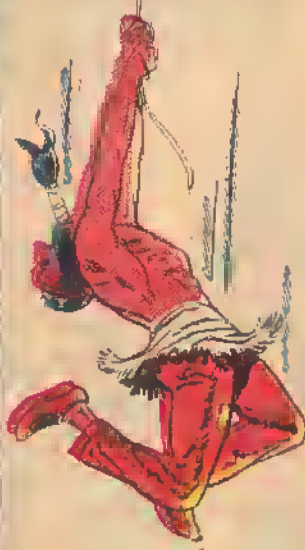
GNNGGG!!!

KLUNK!





OUTWARD AND DOWNWARD HE DROPS, FALLING LIKE A STONE! AND THEN THE ROP TAUTENS, AND RED HAWK SWINGS LIKE A PENDULUM—



FROM TWENTY FEET UP HE DROPS —



BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

HE LANDS ON A PILE OF SLOPING SAND AND TUMBLES...



MOMENTS LATER—

THESE WERE NO GHOSTS! THEY ARE THE MEN OF OUR OWN TRIBE! GREEN WOLF, I SAW AND FLYING FOX! AND IF THEY ARE NOT GHOSTS—THEN KA-NEE-MA LIED WHEN HE SPOKE OF THE SPIRITS...!



SPEAK, KA-NEE-MA! YOU MADE MY PEOPLE GIVE RICH GIFTS TO THESE GHOST KILLERS! DID YOU LIE?

NO! I SPOKE THE TRUTH! RED HAWK LIES!



THERE IS AN EASY WAY TO TEST WHO LIES! IN THE HILLS, THE FALSE GHOST KILLERS LURK ALONG THE TRAILS, HOPING TO SLAY ME! WE WILL FIND AND CAPTURE THEM!



HERE AND THERE ALONG THE TRAILS, RED HAWK AND HIS CHEYENNE BROTHERS SEEK OUT THE KILLERS...



THEIR ARMS TIED, THEY ARE PARADED INTO THE VILLAGE FROM WHICH THEY HAVE SNATCHED THEIR VICTIMS...



WITH KA-NEE-MA, THEY FACE THEIR PUNISHMENT: LIFE BANISHMENT FROM THE TRIBE!

IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, I'D BE DEAD NOW... AND THOSE MEN WOULD BE RULING OUR PEOPLE WITH A HAND OF IRON! THANK YOU, RED HAWK...

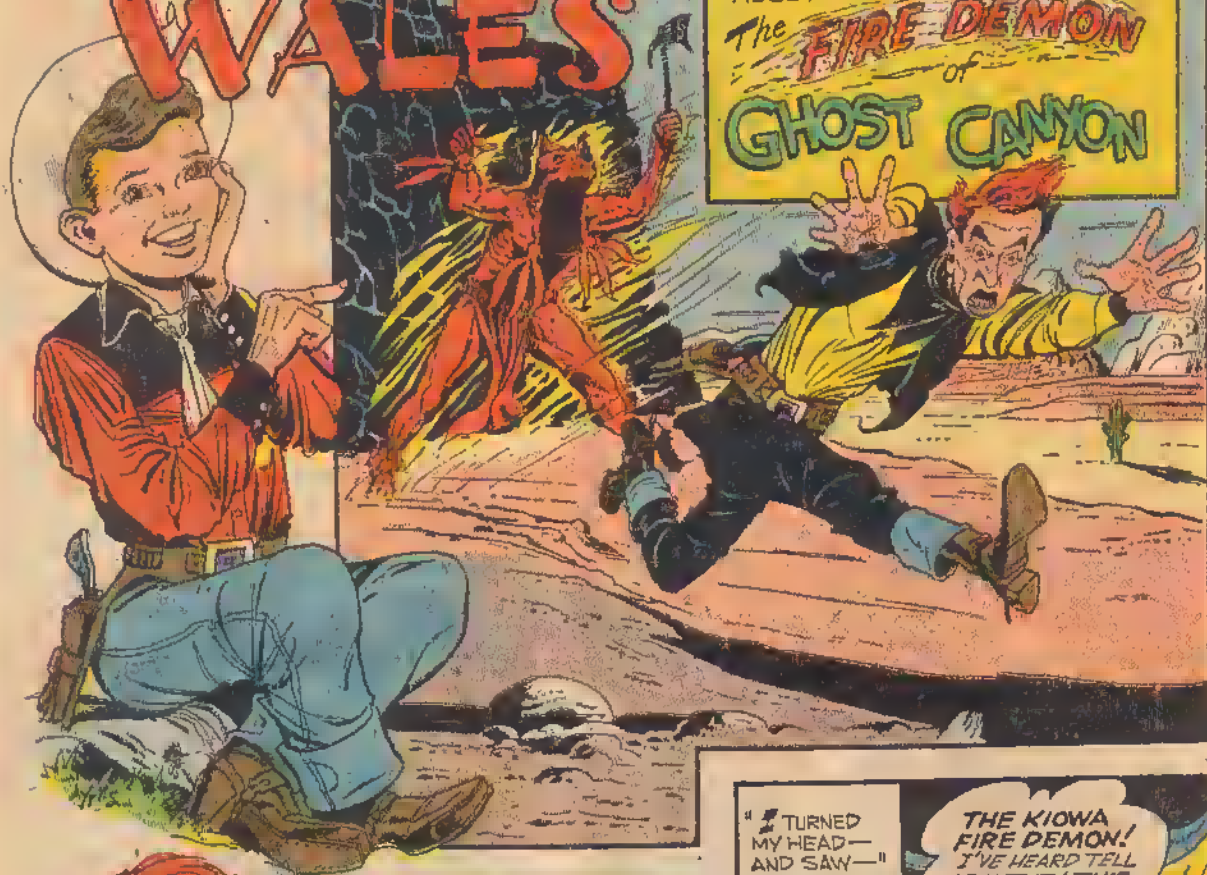


THE END

WINDY WALES

WHEN AN OLD INDIAN LEGEND COMES TO LIFE AMID THE CACTUS WASTES OF THE BIG BEND COUNTRY, WINDY WALES DISCOVERS THAT TROUBLE ALWAYS COMES IN PAIRS — FOR THE APPEARANCE OF **THE FLAMING DEVIL** ONLY LED WINDY INTO TROUBLE WITH A GANG OF BANK-ROBBERS, WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT —

The FIRE DEMON of GHOST CANYON

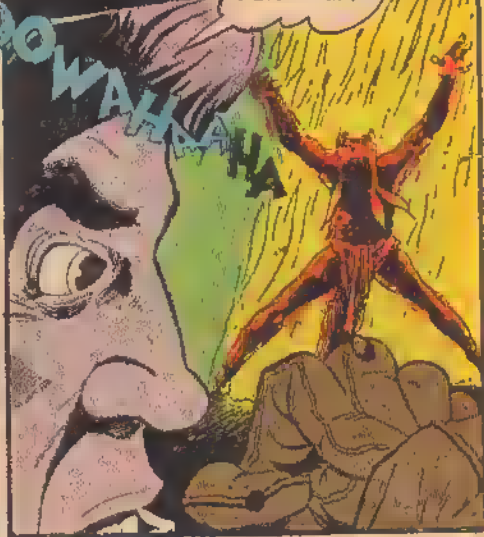


"THIS IS HOW IT ALL BEGAN, I WAS PLUMB TIRED, YOU SEE. I WAS MOSEYIN' HOME THROUGH GHOST CANYON WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN —"



"I TURNED MY HEAD — AND SAW —"

THE KIOWA FIRE DEMON! I'VE HEARD TELL ABOUT IT! THIS IS NO PLACE FER ME...!



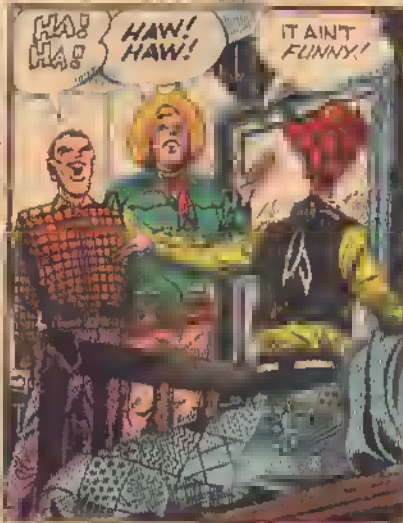
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"WELL, NATURALLY, I TRIED TO REIN IN MY BRONC TO GET A BETTER LOOK, BUT SOMEHOW, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED."

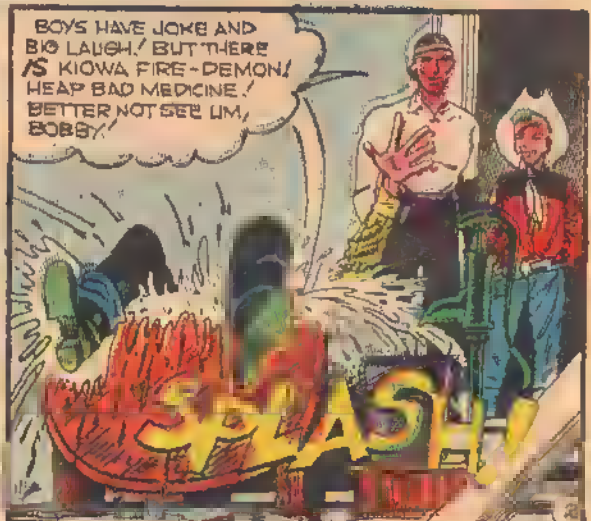
WHAT YOU STANDIN' STILL FOR, BRONC? GET MOVIN'!



"I TOLD THE BOYS AT THE B-BAR-B ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, BUT DID I GET ANY SYMPATHY?"



FOR A MOMENT, THERE IS A STUNNED SILENCE, AND THEN THE B-BAR-B COWBOYS EXPLODE!



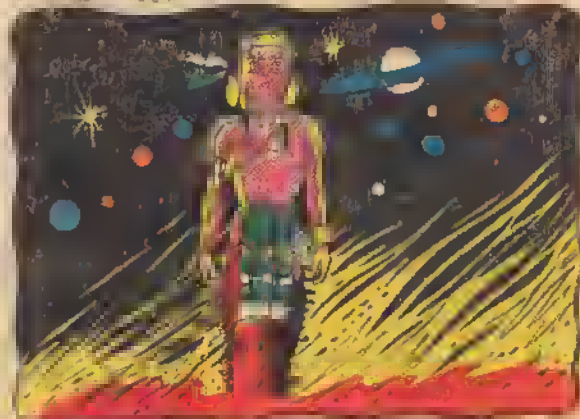
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"OLD LEGEND SAY FIRE-DEMON WAS INDIAN YOUTH WHO MADE BIG BOW AND LONG ARROW TO SHOOT HIMSELF UP TO SUN, TO BRING BACK MAGIC FIRE TO TRIBE."



"HE SHOT HIMSELF HIGH UP INTO AIR TOWARD SUN, HE REACH SUN, AND WITH MAGIC HERBS SMEARED ON HIM BY MEDICINE MAN, HE WALKED AROUND IN THE GREAT SHINING FIRES."



"BUT WHEN HE RETURN TO EARTH, HE WAS STILL ON FIRE FROM THE GREAT HEAT, NO ONE COULD GO NEAR HIM, HE WENT OFF TO LIVE BY HIMSELF IN GHOST CANYON."



"HUI! THAT SURE WAS THE GENT I SAW! ALL ON FIRE!"

"OH WINDY! YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT STORY DO YOU? IT'S JUST A LEGEND, AN INDIAN FABLE!"



"RELIEVE IT? WELL, I AIN'T SAYIN' — BUT IT SURE HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA!"



NEXT DAY WINDY RIDES INTO TOWN —

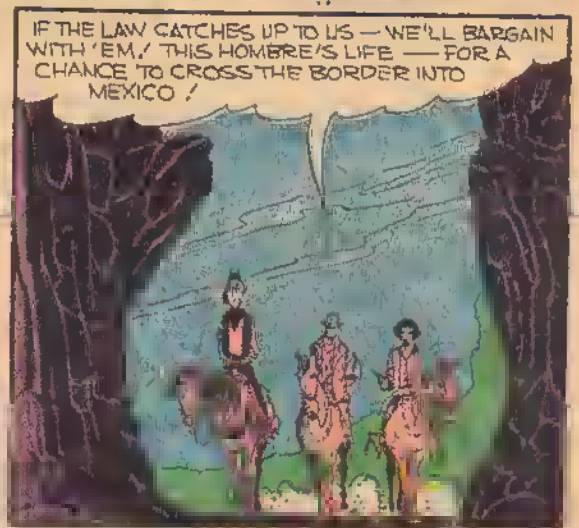
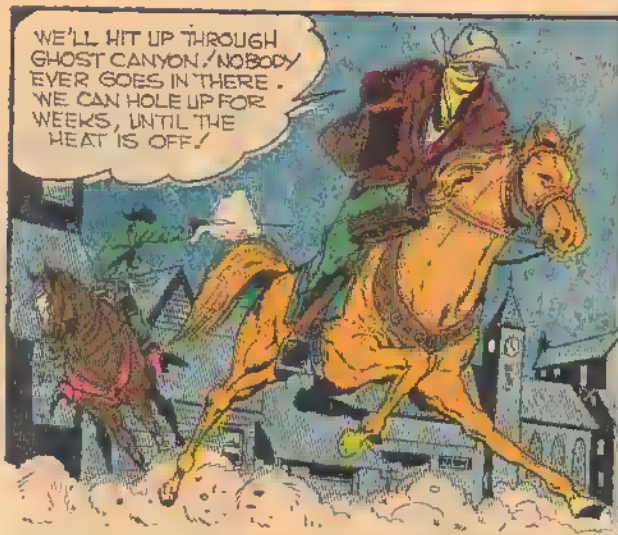
"ALL I'LL NEED — TO GIVE THEM SMART ALECKY B-BAR-B RIDERS THE SCARE OF THEIR LIVES — IS ONE OF THEM ASBESTOS FIRE-FIGHTIN' SUITS — AND A GALLON OF GASOLINE."



MEANWHILE, UNKNOWN TO WINDY, TWO MASKED GUNMEN ARE ROBBING THE SILVER FALLS BANK TWENTY MILES TO THE NORTH



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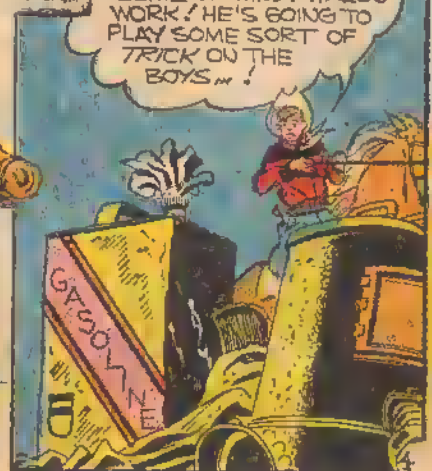
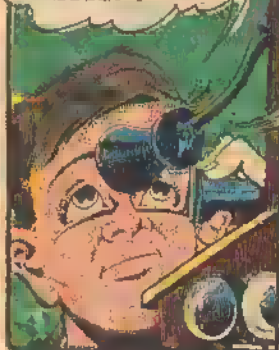
AT THE B-BAR-B BRANCH HOUSE, IN THE MEANTIME,

THE SHERIFF AT SILVER FALLS? BANK ROBBERS HEADING IN THIS DIRECTION? YESSIR. I'LL RIDE OUT AND TELL TEX AND THE BOYS TO KEEP THEIR EYES PEELED!

TEX AND THE OTHERS ARE PULLING BOS IN THE NORTH HILLS. SHORTEST WAY THERE IS THROUGH THE CANYONS.

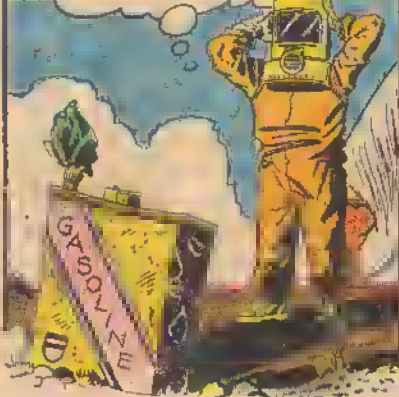
IN GHOST CANYON, MUCH LATER,

WHAT'S THIS? AN ASBESTOS FIRE-FIGHTER'S SUIT AND A CAN OF GASOLINE? I'LL BET A COOKIE THIS IS SOME OF WINDY WALES' WORK! HE'S GOING TO PLAY SOME SORT OF TRICK ON THE BOYS!



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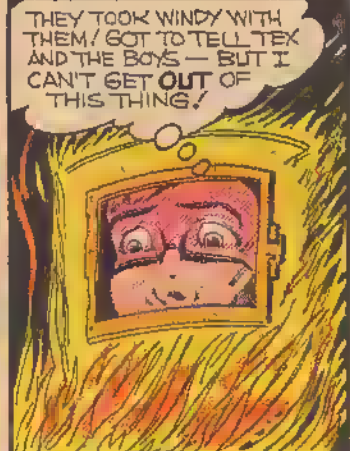
WAIT'LL WINDY COMES BACK HERE! I'LL GIVE HIM A SCARE! HE WAS GOING TO POSE AS THE FIRE-DEMON, WAS HE? WELL, I'LL BE THE ONE WHO DOES THE POSING... WHEN I GET IN THIS THING, I'LL POUR GASOLINE OVER IT AND SET IT ON FIRE!



WONDER WHERE WINDY IS, ANYHOW? THERE ARE SOME TRACKS HERE THAT— WAIT! TWO MEN ON HORSES! ONE STOPPED TO TALK TO WINDY!

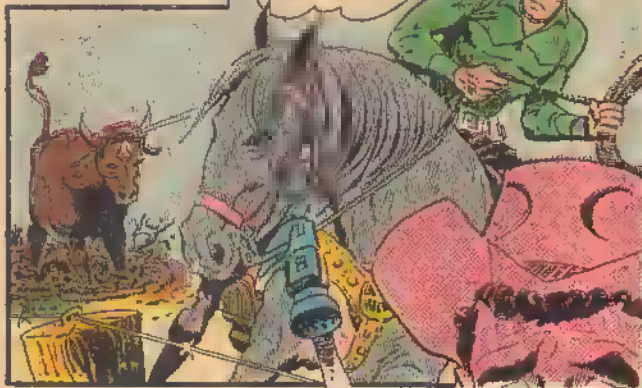


TO BOBBY— WHO HAS BEEN WELL TRAINED IN THE STUDY OF TRACKS AND TRAILING BY HARKA — THE STORY IS AS CLEAR AS A PRINTED PAGE!!!



THEY TOOK WINDY WITH THEM! GOT TO TELL TEX AND THE BOYS — BUT I CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS THING!

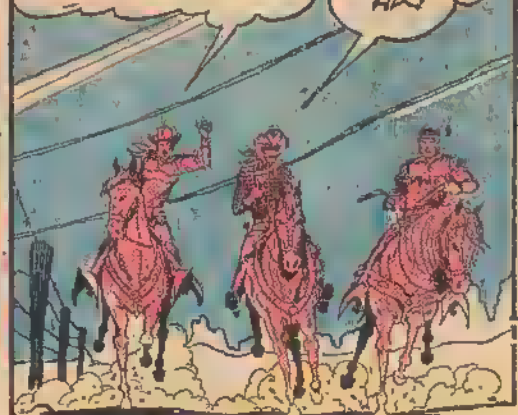
AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE SLOPES OF THE NORTH HILLS OF THE B-BAR-B RANCH...



GOT HIM OUT! YOU READY WITH THAT FENCING?

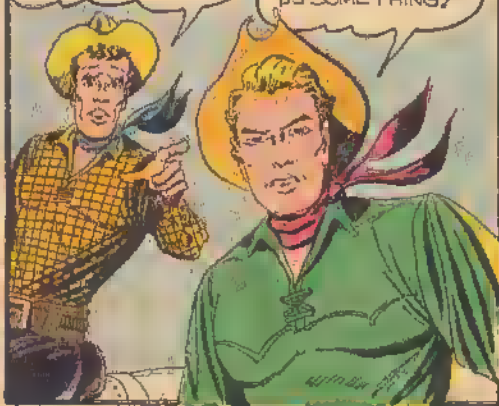
WE'LL CUT THROUGH GHOST CANYON ON OUR WAY BACK TO THE RANCH. IT'S A LOT SHORTER THAN RIDING AROUND IT!

MAYBE WE'LL SEE WINDY'S FIRE DEMON! HA! HA!



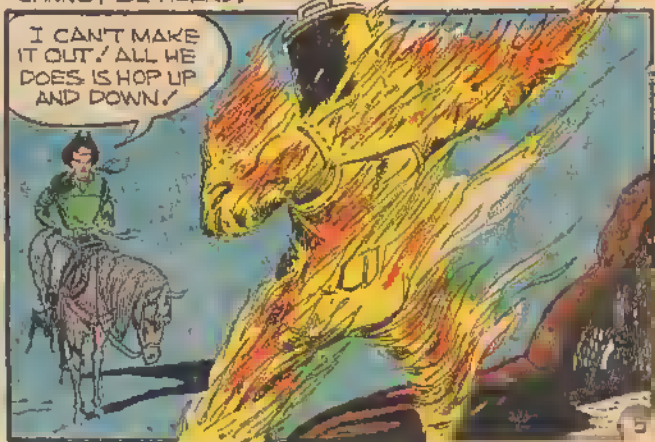
TEX, LOOK! MEBBE WE LAUGHED AT WINDY TOO SOON! IT IS THE FIRE DEVIL!

HE'S JUMPING UP AND DOWN! SEEMS ALMOST LIKE HE'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING!



THE FIRE DEVIL LEAPS AND JUMPS, MUFFLED IN THE CLOSE FOLDS OF THE ASBESTOS SUIT, HIS VOICE CANNOT BE HEARD.

I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT! ALL WE DOES IS HOP UP AND DOWN!



BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS

SUDDENLY THE FIRE DEMON BENDS AND TOUCHES HIS FLAMING HANDS TO THE EARTH. HE DRAWS LETTERS OF FIRE IN THE SAND...



8 MEN BANK ROBBERS THRU SADDLE GAP

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES— BUT THERE'S ONE SURE WAY TO FIND OUT.

THERE SURE IS, IF SOMEBODY HAS WINDY— WE'LL KNOW!



SOME DISTANCE AHEAD OF THE GALLOPING B-BAR-B RIDERS—

LISTEN! I HEAR HOOFES!

YEAH— A LOT OF 'EM!

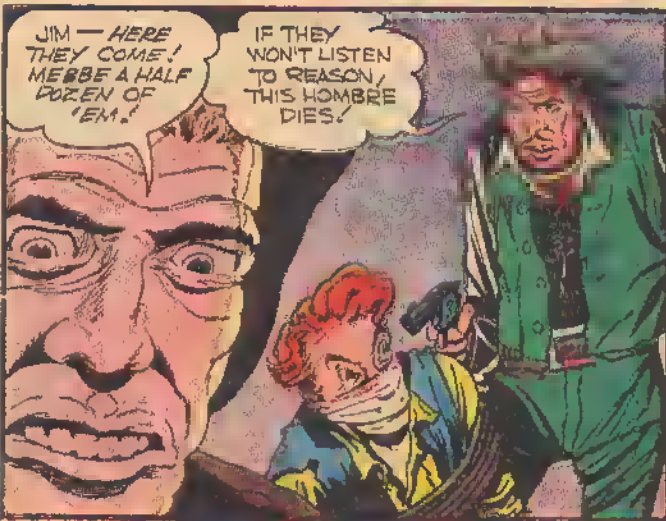


C'MERE, YOU! IF THEM'S LAWMEN, YOU GET A BULLET IN YOUR HEAD!



JIM— HERE THEY COME! MEBBE A HALF DOZEN OF 'EM!

IF THEY WON'T LISTEN TO REASON, THIS HOMBRE DIES!



SAY YOUR PRAYERS, HOMBRE! ONE GUNSHOT— AN' I PRESS THIS TRIGGER.

GULP!



BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS



REIN UP, GENTS!
ONE STEP FURTHER
AN' THIS GALLOOT
GETS IT.

IT'S
WINDY,
ALL
RIGHT!

NO MAN HAS EVER BEATEN TEX MASON'S DRAW! SO
SUDDENLY DO HIS HANDS BLUR THAT EVEN THE
GUNMEN WITH HIS SIXGUN TRAINED ON HIM IS
CAUGHT BY SURPRISE!



BOOM!



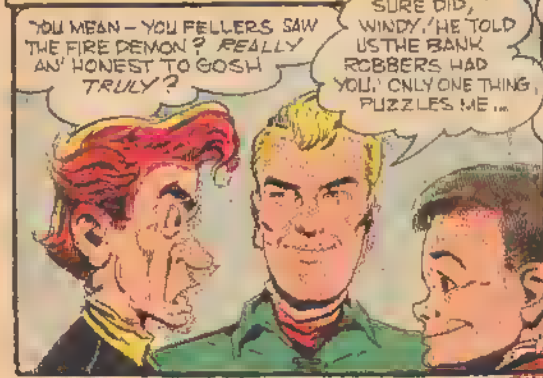
IRISH - GET
THE OTHER ONE!
I'LL HANDLE
THIS
HOMBRE!

BOOM!



IT'LL BE A PLEASURE,
TEX. A PLUMB
PLEASURE!

NEXT DAY, IN THE B-BAR-B BUNKHOUSE, AFTER
THE CAPTURED BANK ROBBERS HAVE BEEN
TURNED OVER TO THE LAW...



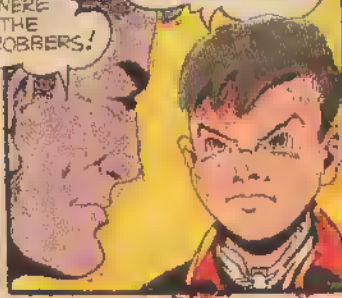
YOU MEAN - YOU FELLERS SAW
THE FIRE DEMON? REALLY
AN' HONEST TO GOSH
TRULY?

SURE DID,
WINDY. HE TOLD
US THE BANK
ROBBERS HAD
YOU! ONLY ONE THING
PUZZLES ME...

HOW
DID THE
FIRE
DEMON
KNOW
THOSE
MEN
WERE
THE
ROBBERS!

THE SHERIFF CALLED
UP AND DESCRIBED
THEIR HOOFPRIENTS!
I SAW THEM ON THE
TRAIL - AND SO -
TEX! YOU
TRICKED ME!

I'LL KEEP YOUR
"FIRE DEMON"
IDENTITY A SECRET,
BOBBY! IT'LL KEEP
WINDY OUT OF
MISCHIEF, TRYING
TO FIGURE IT
OUT!



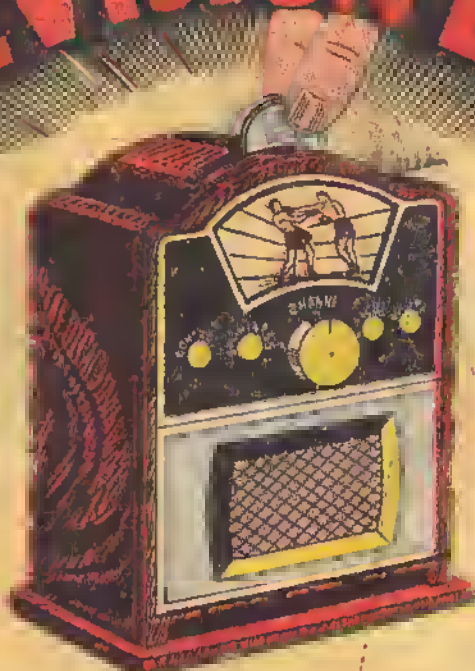
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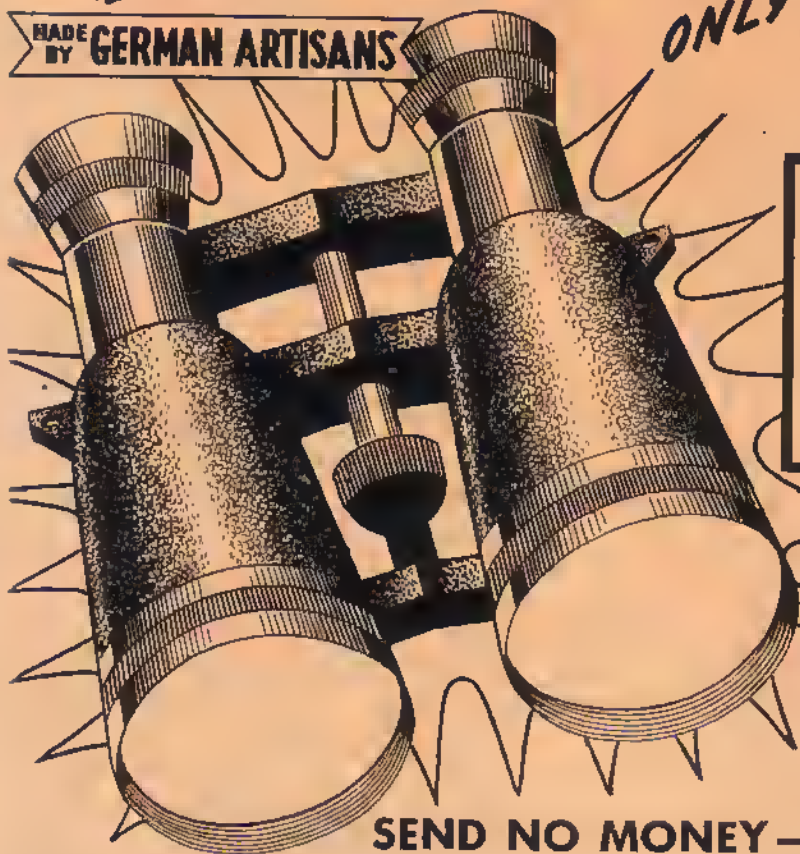
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